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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Nick J. Huige, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/448,578  
Filed: November 23, 1999  
For: METHOD OF OXYGENATING YEAST SLURRY  
USING HYDROPHOBIC POLYMERIC MEMBRANES  
Group Art Unit: 1761  
Examiner: C. Sherrer

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed September 19, 2000, Applicants make the following remarks.

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REMARKS

The September 19, 2000 Office Action required a restriction between Group I, claims 1 - 6, drawn to methods of oxygenating yeast and using said yeast to produce fermented liquids, and Group II, claims 7 - 8, drawn to fermented products.

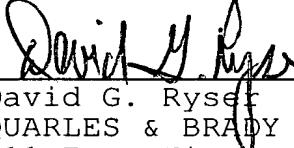
Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1 - 6, without traverse and without prejudice to filing a divisional application on Group II, claims 7 and 8.

No fee is considered necessary to enter the above response. However, if any fees are deemed necessary, please charge Deposit Account 17-0055 accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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